AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of communicating with a user of a display screen of a computer system, the method comprising:

   obtaining a coefficient, wherein the coefficient determines a brightness decrease of a pixel;

   obtaining an increment value, wherein the increment value determines a tint color of a pixel;

   responsive to an abnormal condition of the computer system:

        decreasing brightness of each pixel of a first area on the display screen, wherein the brightness of each pixel is decreased by shifting an RGB value of each pixel by the coefficient; and

        tinting each pixel of a second area on the display screen, wherein each pixel in the second area is tinted by adding the increment value to an RGB value of each pixel displays a same tint color,

        wherein the first area and the second area comprise all contents of the display screen when the abnormal condition occurred, and

        wherein the contents of the display screen remain visible to the user.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the pixels of decreased brightness in the first area and the tinted pixels in the second area are configured to display a text message to the user.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the tint color of the pixels in the second area is selected based on the abnormal condition.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the first area and the second area are a same area.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the pixels of decreased brightness in the first area and the tinted pixels in the second area are configured to display a symbolic message symbol to the user.

6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Currently Amended) A method of communicating with a viewer of a multi-component color display screen of a computer system, the method comprising:

    obtaining a coefficient, wherein the coefficient determines a brightness decrease of a pixel;

    obtaining an increment value, wherein the increment value determines a brightness increase of a pixel;

    responsive to an abnormal condition of the computer system:

        decreasing the brightness of a color component of each pixel within a first area on the display screen, wherein decreasing the brightness comprises shifting an RGB value of each pixel by the coefficient; and

        increasing the brightness of the color component of each pixel within a second area on the display screen, wherein increasing the brightness comprises adding the increment value to an RGB value of each pixel, wherein each pixel in the second area displays a same tint color,

        wherein the first area and the second area comprise all contents of the display screen when the abnormal condition occurred, and

        wherein the contents of the display screen remain visible to the viewer.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7 wherein the pixels of decreased brightness in the first area and the tinted pixels of the second area are configured to display a text message to the viewer.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7 wherein the ~~tint color of the second area~~ increment value is selected based on the abnormal condition.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7 wherein the first area and the second area are a same area.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7 wherein the pixels of decreased brightness within the first area and the tinted pixels within the second area are configured to display a ~~symbolic message~~ <u>symbol</u> to the viewer.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

  a display screen;

  a computing device coupled to the display screen, wherein the computing device, in response to an abnormal event,

    decreases brightness of each pixel of a first area on the display screen<u>, wherein the brightness of each pixel is decreased by shifting an RGB value of each pixel by a same coefficient</u>, and

    tints each pixel of a second area on the display screen, wherein each pixel in the second area <u>is tinted by adding a same increment value to an RGB value of each pixel</u> ~~displays a same tint color~~,

  wherein the first area and the second area comprise all contents of the display screen when the abnormal condition occurred, and wherein the contents of the display screen remain visible to a user.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 13 wherein the pixels of decreased brightness in the first area and the tinted pixels in the second area are ~~is~~ configured to display a text message to the user.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 13 wherein the <u>increment value</u> ~~tint color of the second area~~ is selected based on the abnormal condition.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 13 wherein the first area and the second area are a same area.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 13 wherein the pixels of decreased brightness in the first area and the tinted pixels in the second area are configured to display a ~~symbolic message~~ symbol to the user.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)